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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the State of Illinois were deeply saddened to learn of the death of Harriet P. O'Donnell of Chicago on Thursday, May 22, 2003; and

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WHEREAS, Mrs. O'Donnell was born on April 5, 1938; she was a lifelong resident of Chicago and was very active in her community; she was married to C. Ken O'Donnell; and

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WHEREAS, Mrs. O'Donnell worked as a consultant to the City of Chicago Police Department CAPS Program Area Three, which consisted of developing and piloting special projects and programs for the CAPS program; she was self-employed as a consultant specializing in event planning and community organizing, education, and law enforcement, and she was the owner of a wholesale jewelry business; she worked as a District Education Advisory Representative and helped to fashion the federally mandated school desegregation plan for the City of Chicago in 1977 and 1978; and

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WHEREAS, Mrs. O'Donnell served as Vice President of the Board of Directors of Lincoln West Hospital; as Executive Director of the Chicago Public Schools Alumni Association; as consultant to Dr. Robert Corrigan of the Institute of Effective Learning Incorporated; as Special Assistant to Governor Thompson for Child Safety; as consultant to the Tandy Corporation; and as consultant to the Illinois State Board of Education, Northeastern University, Chicago Public Schools, Ohio University, and Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development; and

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WHEREAS, Mrs. O'Donnell has been an officer or board member of the Ravenswood Community Council since 1970; she has been active in the Waters School PTA or serving as Advisor at several levels of PTA since 1965; she has been a

1 citizen "Beat Facilitator" for Beat 1911 of the CAPS program
2 since 1993; she was a past chairman of the 33rd Ward Advisory
3 Council and Past Housing Committee Chairman from 1994 to
4 2002; she was a founding member of the Greater Rockwell
5 Organization (GRO) and since 1984 had been the Public Safety
6 Chairman; she served as Vice President for Program Activities
7 and had been an officer or chairman of B.U.I.L.D. Inc. since
8 1978; she was a resident and community activist of the 47th
9 Ward; and

10 WHEREAS, Mrs. O'Donnell was the Chairman of the 19th
11 Police District Advisory Council and Court Advocacy Program
12 from 1997 to 2000 and also served as the training leader for
13 the Court Advocacy Program since 1995; from 1991 to 1999, she
14 was the citywide coordinator of the "Kids Helping Kids"
15 Walk-A-Thon, which is the largest student walk in the
16 Chicagoland area; since 1989, she has served as the Amundsen
17 High School Local School Council Corresponding Secretary,
18 Anti-Truancy, Public Relations, and Building Addition
19 Chairman; she was an active member of the Chicago Crime
20 Commission, Urban Crime Committee from 1988 to 1997 and a
21 volunteer for the Cambodian Association of Illinois from 1982
22 to 1987; and

23 WHEREAS, Mrs. O'Donnell has served as president of the
24 following agencies or organizations: the Chicago Region
25 Parent Teacher Association; the Illinois Parent Teacher
26 Association; B.U.I.L.D., Inc.; Alternatives, Inc.; Parental
27 Stress Services; the Ravenswood Community Council; and the
28 19th and 20th Police District Advisory Councils; and

29 WHEREAS, Mrs. O'Donnell has been honored many times for
30 her extensive community service; in 2003, she received a
31 public service award from GRO as well as the Lincoln Square
32 Chamber of Commerce and Alderman Gene Schulter Outstanding
33 Community Volunteer Award; she has been the recipient of

1 special recognition awards from the Chicago Police
2 Department, Maryville Academy, Amundsen High School, and
3 Chicago Public Schools; she was recently inducted into the
4 Chicago Senior Citizens Hall of Fame; her list of awards goes
5 on and on; and

6 WHEREAS, Mrs. O'Donnell was devoted to her family; she
7 was an art major and had eight years of fine arts training;
8 she was an experienced weaver and worked in lapidary,
9 ceramics, leather tooling, and oil painting; and

10 WHEREAS, The passing of Harriet P. O'Donnell has been
11 deeply felt by all who knew her; she was the beloved wife of
12 C. Ken; the loving mother of Mark and Ann (Marty) Kutschke;
13 the devoted grandmother of Joshua (Nicole) Calderon, Sr.; the
14 great-grandmother of Joshua Calderon, Jr.; and the fond
15 sister of Judith (Al) Simons; therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL
17 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing
18 of Harriet P. O'Donnell, who will be remembered as a great
19 citizen of the Chicagoland area; and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
21 presented to the family of Harriet P. O'Donnell as an
22 expression of our deepest sympathy during their time of
23 bereavement.